

READY, SET, KNIT
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Botanica Medallion Cardigan, Part 1 – Getting Ready

1. A copy of Vogue Knitting International, Spring/Summer 2009
2. Blue Sky Alpacas Skinny Dyed Organic Cotton, 150 yds per hank, 6 hanks for X-Small and Small, 7 for Medium and Large or any yarn that knits at 5sts per inch in St st on a 5 (for sizes X-Small and Small) and at 4.5 sts per inch on a 7 for Medium and Large. Valley Yarns Southwick or Longmeadow would work for this piece.
3. For sizes X-Small and Small, one set size 5 dpns and one 24” size 5 circular needle for medallion
4. For sizes Medium and Large, one set size 7 dpns and one 24” size 7 circular needle for medallion
5. For both sizes, size 6 needles, straight or circular, for the outer band, or the size that will get 5 sts per inch in Trinity Stitch. To make your gauge swatch in Trinity stitch work as follows:

Row 1(WS) Knit
Row 2 - *K3tog, [K1, yo, k1] in next st; repeat.
Row 3 – Knit
Row 4 - *[K1, yo, k1] in next st, k3tog; repeat.
6. Size G crochet hook
7. Cable needle
8. St markers in different colors
9. Tapestry needle

Botanica Medallion Cardigan, Part 2

This is one of the most beautiful pieces of knitting I have ever done...truly a piece of artwork made with “sticks and string”. The Medallion is lovely and quick to knit. The Outer Band, however, will take you some time, but be patient...the end result is worth it. When I finished the Medallion, I divided the outside sts into groups of 10 ...there were 19 of them. That meant that I would have to knit 190 rows to make the Outer Band match up with the Medallion. The nice thing, though, about the Outer Band, is that the stitches are really interesting and fun to do and that the 4-round repeat is easy to remember. If you don’t like it as a cardigan, you can fold it in half and wear it as a shawl, or put in on a round table and use it as a decorating focal point. Whatever you do

with it, it will definitely cause a stir. I've never had so many people stop me in the store the day I was wearing it to tell me how spectacular it is.

Errata

1. Round 2 of the Medallion should read: [k1, yo, k1] **in each st** 6 times – 18 sts.
2. Round 10 of the Medallion should read: [k1, ssk, p1, yo, k1, yo, p1, k2tog, **k1**] 6 times.
3. Round 52 of the Medallion: Ignore the #5 at the end of the round.
4. Round 54 of the Medallion: Instructions in brackets should be repeated **6 times** – 32 sts.
5. Row 3 of the Outer Band should read: [...] 5 times, k2, p6, **k26**, sl next 18 (24) sts to RH needle...6-st RC 3 (**4**) times.
6. Row 4 of the Outer Band: Replace C4F with **4-st LC**.
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